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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum provides a status report on two County-sponsored measures related to fees for storm water runoff and provisions for the reopening of the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, and updates on 12 County-advocacy bills.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored AB 2554 (Brownley), which would authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to collect storm water fees in the unincorporated areas of the County, in compliance with Proposition 218, to fund clean water programs, was amended on August 5, 2010. The amendments expand the authority to implement storm water fees Countywide upon adoption of an ordinance by the Board of Supervisors. The amendments also provide, in general, how funding would be allocated throughout the Flood Control District, upon adoption by the Board. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor for a vote.

County-sponsored AB 2599 (Bass and Hall), which as amended on June 1, 2010, would codify the agreement between Los Angeles County and the University of California and provide adequate and predictable funding for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, passed the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 5 to 1 on August 4, 2010. The measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Chief Executive Officer testified on behalf of the bill and stressed the need for the hospital in the underserved South Los Angeles Community.

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Status of County Advocacy Legislation

County-support-in-concept AB 963 (Ammiano), which as amended on June 30, 2010, would establish a stakeholder planning workgroup to develop a single renewal and recertification form to streamline the Medi-Cal, Food Stamp and CalWORKs eligibility determination process, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 2, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-supported AB 1650 (Feuer), which as amended on August 4, 2010, would prohibit the State of California and its subdivisions from contracting with persons who have investments in the Iranian energy sector, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 2, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-opposed-unless-amended AB 1987 (Ma), which as amended on August 2, 2010, would place limits on compensable salaries and impose a waiting period upon employers prior to re-hiring a retiree, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 2, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-opposed AB 2253 (Coto), which as amended on May 28, 2010, would extend the time period after termination of employment that a retired public safety officer may file a workers' compensation claim for job-related cancer benefits to 10 years, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 2, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-supported AB 2592 (Buchanan), which as amended on August 4, 2010, would require the California Department of Education to establish a pilot program to measure the quality of child care and development programs, based on the recommendations of the Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee and if Federal early care and education funds are approved, was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 2, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-supported AB 2706 (Lowenthal), which as amended on June 22, 2010, would: 1) provide that the protections and remedies of the Ralph Civil Rights Act include violence or intimidation by threat of violence committed against a person or property because the person is or is perceived to be homeless; and 2) define a homeless person to mean a person who does not have a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, or a person who has a nighttime residence at a shelter designated to provide temporary living accommodations, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 3 on August 2, 2010. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

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County-supported SB 654 (Leno), which as amended on January 5, 2010, would expand the eligibility for the Independent Living Program to former foster youth who are placed with a non-relative guardian on or after the child's eighth birthday, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file on August 4, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-supported SB 771 (Alquist), which as amended on August 2, 2010, would extend Medi-Cal and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program benefits to former foster youth, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 4, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-supported SB 1084 (Liu), which as amended on August 2, 2010, would establish the California Economic Security Task Force to make recommendations to reduce poverty and increase economic security, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations suspense file on August 4, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-supported SB 1091 (Hancock), which as amended on May 4, 2010, would extend Medi-Cal benefits to youth entering county juvenile detention facilities, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 4, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-supported SB 1392 (Steinberg), which as amended on August 2, 2010, would expedite and streamline the allocation of mental health managed care services and Mental Health Services Act funds to counties, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 4, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

County-opposed unless amended SB 1425 (Simitian), which as amended on May 4, 2010, would revise the definition of creditable compensation and establish a waiting period for employers to re-hire a retiree, was held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 4, 2010 due to potential costs to the State.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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